IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

ISAAC SOJOURNER, : HABEAS CORPUS 1255424, : 28 U.S.C. § 2241

Petitioner,

:

v. : CIVIL ACTION NO.

: 1:13-CV-1165-TWT-ECS

COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY,

Respondent.

ORDER FOR SERVICE OF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Attached is the report and recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge in this action in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and this Court's Civil Local Rule 72. Let the same be filed and a copy, together with a copy of this Order, be served upon counsel for the parties.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), each party may file written objections, if any, to the report and recommendation within fourteen (14) days of service of this Order. Should objections be filed, they shall specify with particularity the alleged error or errors made (including reference by page number to the transcript if applicable) and shall be served upon the opposing party. The party filing objections will be responsible for obtaining and filing the transcript of any evidentiary hearing for review by the District Court. If no objections are filed, the report and recommendation may be adopted as the opinion and order of the

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District Court and any appellate review of factual findings will be limited to a plain error review. <u>United States v. Slay</u>, 714 F.2d 1093 (11th Cir. 1983).

The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to submit the report and recommendation with objections, if any, to the District Court after expiration of the above time period.

SO ORDERED, this 25th day of April, 2013.

S/ E. Clayton Scofield III

E. CLAYTON SCOFIELD III
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Isaac Sojourner has filed a <u>pro se</u> petition for habeas corpus relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, indicating that he is once again in pre-trial detention in a county jail. <u>See</u> [Doc. No. 1]. Mr. Sojourner has filed other cases <u>pro se</u> in this Court, including a § 2241 petition during a prior period of pre-trial detention, <u>see</u> <u>Sojourner v. Reed</u>, No. 1:09-CV-597-TWT (N.D. Ga. Mar. 5, 2009), and an employment discrimination lawsuit, <u>see</u> <u>Sojourner v. Cherry</u>, No. 1:09-CV-3460-TWT (N.D. Ga. Dec. 4, 2009). Thus, Mr. Sojourner is well-familiar with the threshold requirement in federal court that he either pay the applicable filing fee - as he did in the <u>Reed</u> case - or that he apply for and be granted permission to proceed <u>in</u> <u>forma pauperis</u> ("IFP") - as he did in the <u>Cherry</u> case.

Because Mr. Sojourner has neither paid the \$5 filing fee for this case nor submitted an application for permission to proceed

IFP, the undersigned **RECOMMENDS** that this case be **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

The undersigned further **RECOMMENDS** that a Certificate of Appealability be **DENIED** because Mr. Sojourner does not meet the requirements for the issuance of a certificate. <u>See Jimenez v. Quarterman</u>, 555 U.S. 113, 118 n.3 (2009) ("When the district court denies a habeas petition on procedural grounds without reaching the prisoner's underlying constitutional claim . . . a certificate of appealability should issue only when the prisoner shows both that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right <u>and</u> that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the district court was correct in its procedural ruling.") (internal quotation marks and citation omitted); <u>see also</u> 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2).

In the event that Mr. Sojourner elects to re-file his § 2241 petition, together with payment of the filing fee or an application for permission to proceed IFP, he is reminded, as he was in the Reed case, that he should (1) first exhaust all available state remedies and (2) address in his petition the reasons he contends this Court should not abstain, pursuant to Younger v. Harris, 401 U.S. 37, 43 (1971), from reviewing that petition. See Reed [Doc. No. 2 therein].

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The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to terminate the referral of this case to the undersigned.

SO RECOMMENDED AND DIRECTED, this 25th day of April, 2013.

S/ E. Clayton Scofield III
E. CLAYTON SCOFIELD III
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE